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VESSEL'S NAME EMPIRE CEDRIC REPORT Lon. No. 114635  
 (ex H.M. L.S.T. 3534)

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

This twin screw vehicle transport ferry, built 11.45 at Esquimalt B.C. for the Admiralty, is classed ~~GA~~A- "For Government Service".

The Charterers, Messrs. Frank Bustard & Sons Ltd., propose the vessel be used for the carriage of motor transport with service limits, "U.K. and Eire (excluding the West Coast of Ireland) also to and in the Baltic and Mediterranean".

The scantlings and arrangements are such as could be approved for the intended service provided strong backs are always fitted to the bow doors whilst the vessel is at sea. Messrs. Bustard confirm that this will be done and the Master has been instructed that this arrangement must invariably be followed. (See special endorsement 21.10.46 and letter 23.10.46).

The Charterers later requested that the vessel be permitted also to carry perishable goods in the motor transport. This proposal has been approved provided the draught be reduced as a precautionary measure from 12'-0 to 10'-6 (see endorsement 25.11.46)

The LONDON Surveyors now report the vessel placed in dry dock, bottom coated, and alterations effected to accommodate crew.

Some of the ventilators have now been blanked off.

E.W. repairs effected to fractured skeg plating. The Surveyors point out that stiffening of stern as per Admiralty plan has not yet been dealt with. It is recommended this be done at the first opportunity.

It is submitted the vessel is eligible to have her class amended from A- "For Government Service" to A- "With freeboard" "For service U.K. & Eire (excluding the West Coast of Ireland) also to and in the Baltic & Mediterranean" "For carrying Laden Motor Transport" with record of docking survey 11.46, subject to stiffening of stern as approved being effected at the first opportunity.

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"EMPIRE CEDRIC"

Insert in R.B:

GA- "With freeboard"

"For service U.K. & Eire (excluding the West Coast of Ireland) also to and in the Baltic & Mediterranean".

11.46 Lon. subject.

~~"For carrying Laden Motor Transport"~~ *"Jerry"*

"Bow Doors"

"Fitted for oil fuel 11.45 FP above 150°F"

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The Surveyors should be informed it is concluded the coamings of the large ventilators still retained in this vessel are now in accordance with Rule requirements, but this should be confirmed.

*Edmo*

*"Empire Baltic"*



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